

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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RALPH DALE ARMSTRONG,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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ORDER

12-cv-426-bbc

Plaintiff Ralph Armstrong, a prisoner at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility in Santa Rosa, New Mexico has submitted a proposed complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. He asks for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because plaintiff is a prisoner, he is subject to the 1996 Prisoner Litigation Reform Act. This means that before this court may decide whether he can proceed with his complaint *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff will have to make an initial partial payment of the filing fee.

In determining whether a prisoner litigant qualifies for indigent status this court applies the formula set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). According to this formula, a prisoner requesting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* must prepay 20% of the greater of the average monthly balance or the average monthly deposits made to his prison account in the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. From plaintiff's inmate account statement, I calculate his initial partial payment to be \$17.50. Also, he must pay the remainder of the fee in monthly installments even if his request for leave to proceed is denied. Plaintiff should show a copy of this order to prison officials to insure that they are aware they should send plaintiff's initial partial payment to this court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Ralph Armstrong is assessed \$17.50 as an initial partial payment of the \$350 fee for filing this case. He is to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$17.50 on or before July 11, 2012. If, by July 11, 2012, plaintiff fails to make the initial partial payment or show cause for his failure to do so, he will be held to have withdrawn this action voluntarily. In that event, the clerk of court is directed to close this file without prejudice to plaintiff's filing his case at a later date.

Entered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge